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Docket No. 325772033500

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Narutaka Yoshida et al.

Serial No.: 10/743,908

Filing Date: December 24, 2003

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH  
NOTIFICATION OF REMAINING LIFE  
OF IMAGE FORMING UNIT AND  
PROHIBITION OF IMAGE  
IMPROVEMENT OPERATION  
(as amended)

Examiner: Sandra L. Brase

Group Art Unit: 2852

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08a/b were cited in a Japanese Office Action mailed on August 16, 2005, directed to a counterpart foreign application and have not been previously cited. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) follows:

U.S. Serial No. 10/743,908



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Dated: October 17, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

  
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		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)			
	1.	JP-4-9871	1-14-1992		abstract
	2.	JP-2002-236399	8-23-2002		abstract
	3.	JP-2002-258683	9-11-2002		abstract

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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<u>Application Type</u>	<u>FILING FEES</u>		<u>SEARCH FEES</u>		<u>EXAMINATION FEES</u>		<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee (\$)</u>	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 20 =	x	=				

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
- 3 =	x	=			

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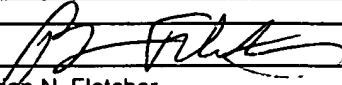
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